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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Matters

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1. On this date, Messrs. Warner [REDACTED] met with Admiral Taylor and Colonel White to discuss some of the more important items of legislative business. This was the first such meeting. It is anticipated that they will occur on a regular, weekly basis in the future.

2. Mr. Warner reported on the Director's meeting with Senator John Stennis today on the subject of the Ervin bill (S.1035). The Agency's proposed letter to Senator Richard Russell was shown to Senator Stennis who agreed with our sending it and also agreed that it would be nice to ask Senator Russell about sending it to other members of the Senate CIA Subcommittee. Senator Stennis said he would talk with Senator Eastland but he did not offer to take the initiative in planning any action with regard to the bill. He said it was not clear yet whether Senator Russell would be available to deal with this when it comes up on the floor. Senator Stennis agreed that the bill posed serious problems and suggested the possibility of recommitment or even some compromise. The Director said he thought this could be done. Senator Stennis then suggested that we discuss this with Senators Symington, Jackson, Margaret Chase Smith, Milton Young, Dirksen, Mansfield and Kuchel.

3. Mr. Warner also reported that Senator Stennis had brought up the subject of the Director appearing before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee in its current hearings on the air war in North Vietnam. The Director responded by indicating he hoped it would not be necessary for him to be called. Senator Stennis said he understood and would do what he could.

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4. Mr. Warner then proceeded to discuss the following pieces of legislation now pending before the Congress which are of particular interest to the Agency:

a. Wire Tap Legislation (S. 675, S. 928, H.R. 602, H.R. 607, H.R. 612, H.R. 5386)

These bills are now pending in Committee with no action scheduled at this time. The Agency, along with other departments, has been asked for its views on H.R. 602, H.R. 607 and H.R. 612. Our draft letters, which had previously been discussed with Colonel White, are being held by the Bureau of the Budget. The Bureau of the Budget, in apparent cooperation with the Chairmen of the Committees concerned, is withholding clearance of all department and agency reports on other legislation favoring instead S. 928 and H.R. 5386 which are the Administration proposals in the area of wire tapping and eavesdropping legislation. These two bills were discussed briefly. Colonel White said that he would want to review the draft letters on the other bills if it appeared that any action would be taken on them. Admiral Taylor added that, wherever possible, we should request broad exemptions that would exempt the Agency rather than specific exemptions of CIA by name.

b. Pay Bills - Generally

In view of the Agency authority with regard to retroactive pay legislation, it is no longer necessary for us to assure that appropriate language is included in any retroactive pay measures. It was pointed out, however, that miscellaneous sections in pay bills frequently contain provisions applicable to all agencies and it is, therefore, necessary for us to monitor closely all such bills.

c. Social Security Legislation (H.R. 12080, H.R. 6784)

The complexities of pending bills providing transfer of contributions between Federal retirement systems and Social Security were discussed in connection with the proposed Transfer of Credit and Minimum Guarantee provisions. We are working to assure that this legislation will provide comparable and compatible provisions for the CIA Retirement program.

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d. Vietnam War Amendments (S.1785)

This bill, which provides for up to one year's leave for Federal employees in certain hazardous situations (such as the Saigon bombing), was included in the Hayes' bill which did not pass the Congress last year. The present bill has passed the Senate and is pending before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

e. FEGLI (H.R. 11089)

Reference was made to the fact that legislation of this type (which was vetoed by the President on 12 August 1967) must be carefully watched to be sure that it does not create problems for us.

25X1Cf. Rodino Bill (H.R. 2138)



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5. The pending CIA legislation was touched on briefly. Colonel White said he now has the proposed presentations for study.

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